

Amendments to the Claims

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (currently amended). A shopping cart or transport container, comprising:

a surface covering a substantial portion of the shopping cart, said surface being composed completely or partially of at least one material selected from the group consisting of hydrophobic material, superhydrophobic material and ion-releasing material.

Claim 6 (currently amended). The shopping cart or transport container according to claim 5, wherein said surface additionally includes a nanostructure.

Claim 7 (currently amended). ~~The shopping cart or transport container according to claim 5, A shopping cart, comprising:~~

a shopping cart frame made of plastic and having an ion-releasing surface;
wherein said ion-releasing surface is formed during production of the shopping cart or transport container and an ion-releasing function thereof is not achieved by an additional coating.

Claim 8 (currently amended). The shopping cart or transport container according to claim 6, wherein said surface is formed during production of the shopping cart or transport container.

Claim 9 (currently amended). The shopping cart or ~~transport container~~ according to claim 5, wherein the surface is formed by subsequent treatment of an existing shopping cart or ~~transport container~~.

Claim 10 (currently amended). The shopping cart or ~~transport container~~ according to claim 6, wherein the surface is formed by subsequent treatment of an existing shopping cart or ~~transport container~~.

Claim 11 (currently amended). A method for manufacturing a shopping cart or ~~transport container~~, the method comprising the following steps:

providing a shopping cart or ~~transport container~~ having a surface; and forming the surface completely or partially of at least one material selected from the group consisting of hydrophobic material, superhydrophobic material and ion-releasing material.

Claim 12 (previously presented). The method according to claim 11, which further comprises additionally adding a nanostructure to the surface.

Claim 13 (previously presented). The method according to claim 11, which further comprises forming the surface during production of the shopping cart or transport container.

Claim 14 (previously presented). The method according to claim 12, which further comprises forming the surface during production of the shopping cart or transport container.

Claim 15 (previously presented). The method according to claim 11, which further comprises forming the surface by subsequent treatment of an existing shopping cart or transport container.

Claim 16 (previously presented). The method according to claim 12, which further comprises forming the surface by subsequent treatment of an existing shopping cart or transport container.

Claim 17 (new). The shopping cart according to claim 7, wherein said ion-releasing surface additionally includes a nanostructure.